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THe laſt night came to my view, a Paper intituled, *News from Bruſſels*, &c. At the reading whereof, I could not but in ſome meaſure be aſtoniſhed, to Imagine, that ſuch exquiſite Malice, ſhould ſtill have its continuance, and prevalency amongſt ſome people, againſt that perſon who ſhould (if they duely conſidered their duties,) be moſt Dear, Tender, and Sacred to them; ſuch a vein I perceived there was of forged and fictitious ſtuff, put into a moſt malitious dreſs of Drollery, running through the whole Tenor thereof, and ſnapping and biting all along as it went, in that ſenſe, as might be ſure moſt to fix calumny and ſlander upon that royal perſon, whom it chiefly intended to wound; That I could not but contemplate thus with my ſelf: Is it not enough that, That Innocent Prince, ever ſince his Tender years hath been hunted like a Partridge upon the mountains from place to place, from one nation to another people, robbed and ſpoyled of his large and ample Patrimony and Dominions, and enforced to live (as it were) upon the Alms and Charity of his Neighbour Princes, But his bright and ſhining vertues, moſt manifeſt and apparent to the whole world, muſt ſtill be ſubject to the reproach and ſcandal of every laſcivious, black and ſoory quill? Wert thou a Chriſtian (Baſe forger) and not a foul feind rather, clothed with humanity; Methinks the conſideration of this very particular, ſhould draw Tears from thine eyes, or rather blood from thy heart, then ſuch curſed drops of miſchievous malice, to iſſue from thy diſloyal and corrupted brain? But if thou call to mind that tranſcendently barbarous murder, of his moſt glorious and Martyred father, ſuch as no Age ſince *Adam*, ever paralell'd: And the deep ſtain of that Sacred and and Royal blood (now crying under the Altar) which faſten upon thee; And thy therein guilty and beſpotted Soul, (For, it is more then gueſſed who thou art) what horrour and trembling ſhould juſtly ſeize thy joints, and ſhake the ſcribling inſtrument, of ſuch thy traitorouſly invented miſchief, out of thy loathed and bloody hands? After which contemplation,

[illegible] more [illegible] of the particulars in that ſcandalous Libelle: And having obſerved, what cunning ſubtilty, This forger had ſhewn, and what tools he had made uſe of, to ſtamp and Mint this falſe and counterfeit Coyn, I reſolved to publiſh it, which I am perſwaded will not be ingrateful to any, unleſs ſuch, who are of the Forgers crew; and of what ſort and principles they are, it is well known.

Firſt, he hath prepared a number of letters, which he would have the reader think, to intend the perſons now about his Majeſty, whoſe names relate to them; But ſee, how in *ipſo Limine*, he betrays his own fictitious guilt; For this *H. I.* which he would have thought to be the L. *Iermin*, this perſon was known to be elſewhere, far diſtant from *Bruxels*, at the time of the date of that piece of Forgery: In the next place, it is obſervable, That before he hath wrote five lines, he fixes a Notorious lye upon his Majeſty, and chargeth him with Swaering; A thing it is moſt manifeſtly known, he is ſo free from, That all his Attendants may be challenged to relate, if they can, whether, ever they heard a profane oath to come from him, much leſs uſed upon ſuch a ridiculous idle occaſion, as this forger mentions; It being Notorious that he is, and ever hath been, ſo reſerved in beſtowing thoſe ready Jewels of honour (The only Treaſure he is, or can be unrob'd of) That it is not any way probable, he ſhould ſquander one away, for a Letter, and leſs likely, that he ſhould publickly ſay and ſwear this. Within a few lines after he Talks of his Majeſties Reſolution to waft over into *Ireland*; For his *S. C. C.* he would have underſtood, to be meant Sir *Charles Coot*; a very probable buſineſs, as he relates it: Pray Sir which way ſhould he waft (as you phraſe it) it is a ſign you have more skill in Forgery then in Geography, and the ſituation of places, and nations. Next, he fains News to arrive out of *Scotland*, which is the cold Country he means; But his two hours mentioned, ſmells ſo rank of braſs, that it renders it, at firſt ſent, a perfect counterfeit: And what muſt this News do? onely introduce an occaſion to abuſe and ſlander his ſacred Majeſty, and render him odious to thoſe of the Presbyterian Tenets, which indeed is the whole ſcope and Tenor of this ſcurrulous doughty Epiſtle, and to make ſome perſons here think, that there is ſuch a ſtock of rancour and malice, and ſuch deep thoughts of revenge, harboured in the hearts and mind of all perſons attending the KING, and in his own Royal heart likewiſe, That whatever preſences and ſhews are at preſent made to the contrary, to compaſs their ends, yet the iſſues and effects of this Malice and Revenge, ſhall in due time ſo appear, and manifeſt it ſelf; That there is not a man, who hath ſhewed any oppoſition to himſelf, or his late Royal Father, but ſooner or later ſhall feel their ſad and direful ſtroke: And this Impreſs he hath ſo Machiavelianly, and with ſuch art and cunning, beſprinkled and ſcattered over the whole Paper, and in ſuch ſeveral ſubtle and wiley ways, and ſuch

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ſeeming real phraſes, proper for ſuch perſons, who he would fain to be the Writer, and Receiver, That none but his grand Tutor and Inſtructer, The Divel himſelf (and ſcarce he neither) could poſſibly outdo him, in ſome parts, of this piece of artificial forgery: Others there be, which clearly diſcovers the Rat by his ſqueaking: But above all, that bold and impudent lye, in repreſenting that meek and gentle PRINCE, to have no need of ſpurs to Revenge, but rather a Rein to hold him in from it, is ſuch a piece of open and notoriouſly known falſhood, That it is to be wondred at, That he ſhould eſcape a Dart from heaven, into his falſe and hollow fly heart, whilſt he was ſtaining the *paper*, with that moſt miſchievous malicious expreſſion, it being ſo known and manifeſt to all about him; That nothing hath ever been, or is, more frequent with him, in his ordinary converſe; Then to expreſs his firm and conſtant reſolution, to adhere cloſe to the advertiſement of his Royal Martyred Father, who *inter voces extremas* (as it were) left a preceptory advice to the contrary Of ſuch ſort likewiſe, is this Paſquil of the Pedigree he mentions; falſe fictions of a Son of *Belial*, which will remain in pickle to ariſe up againſt this forger, at a Tribunal, where the offspring of a *Plantagenet*, whoſe moſt innocent blood he hath ſuck'd, will bring in a Record beyond *Murryes* Manuſcript, which will fright his guilty ſoul down to that place of horrour, prepared for him and his fellow *Regicides*, his Pin, Cruſt, and Dog, Dam, and Kittlings, Piſs and Horſe-ſpice, King *Harry's* Codpiece, and the concealed Nuntio, and all that ſort of ænigmatical and Ribbald (yet very ſignificant and malitious) Drollery: what is it, but the filthy foam of a black and helliſh mouth, ariſing from a viperous and venomous heart, induſtriouſly and maliciouſly fet upon doing what curſed miſchief lies within the ſphere of his caſhiered power, in ſuch a conjuncture of Time as this, when the Nations hopes, are in a full and juſt expectation of receiving a perfect cure of thoſe bleeding deep wounds, and waſtful, and conſuming miſeries made, and continued by him, and his fellow plotters, which they have ſo long lay panting and groaning under?

The Star and blew Ribbon, he ſpeaks of, will be every way as fit, for the ſhoulder which hath given him and his party ſuch a ſhove, and as deſervedly, as a hempen halter will be for this forgers own Neck: And 'tis very poſſible and probable too, They may both take their different effect in due time, though we ſee what art is uſed to thruſt that ſhoulder from its due merit by ſuch the Forgers ſubtleties. The *Romance* of his *Waldenſe Dulmano*, Byting the lip, with all the Dependent ſequel of ſuch a parcel of Mountebanquery, that it confutes it ſelf in its own relation; as alſo other his ſo openly known falſities, inſinuated by bits in a ſubtle way of ſeeming Drollery, but very ſaw-tooth'd in its ſenſe and ſignification: And the aim of all is to catch the common & vulgar apprehenſions, & draw them again into ſuch amaze & delusion,

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As they may yet once more (if possible) fall under the worrying power of him, and such like Ravenous Beasts of Blood, Prey, and Rapine: Sir, your Nets are seen, and your fallacies fail you, The hooks you mention are laid too visibly; The fish you would catch, are so far from swallowing, they will not bite at all; you were best therefore go shave your own beard, as you have those, in your Letter, and your Scull too: And if your brain prove not thence more pregnant, 'Twill serve (However) to stuffe your powch in stead of what, such your Angels were intended, to have holpen you too: And I would wish you also to take this Advice from a friend, Give over your Angling this way, and appear no more in publick at the side of this Pool, least you be tumbled in over head and ears, and your self become both the Bait and Prey to those you thus endevour to catch, and delude by such your Drolling subtleties.

And now having done with your forged Calumnies, I shall upon this just occasion, desire leave to tell you, and those whom they were intended to beguile and work upon; that the Prince and Soveraigne (whom it is so apparent, your grand aim by this designe was to wound, though through the fictitious sides of others, set up in your own Fancy) is one, to whom both you and they, owe a Duty, and Allegiance, by all the Laws of God, Nature, and the Land. And however, you for your part, have a minde to forget, and are not pleased to own it, it is (however) not the lesse his due: And it is not altogether impossible, but upon better and due consideration, of the horrid guilt you lye under, Divine Grace may hereafter be so infused into you, and you thereby be made so sensible of your Crime, that perhaps you may yet cheerfully return to such your bounden duty, and by your future demeanour, wash off those staines, wherewith your guilty Soul is now so foully bespotted; which that you may the more readily doe, I shall truly, and as knowingly, as I believe it is possible for any in this Nation, give you this just and due character, of that most vertuous and excellent Prince, whom (whatever your thoughts are now) it is possible you may one day esteem it your chief honour to style, your dear and dread Lord and Soveraigne, which is truly such, that in the opinion of very many wise and knowing men, it would put the whole Christian world upon some difficulty, to find his parallel or equall in all respects; His Birth and Extraction is known to be so transcendently illustrious, that what Prince is there upon Earth, that can challenge a greater or a more Noble, and Kingly, and for longer continuance, for Centuries of years: His Person so lovely, amiable, and gracefull, that it even captivates the eyes of all Beholders, and every where generates, a noble and generous affection, respect and clemency, from the chiefest Enemies of his Ancestors, and of our Nation and Dominions. His parts and endowments such, that were we free from subjection to him, by all Laws, and to make search throughout all Nations and People, for a complete and well accomplished

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Perſonage to Rule over us, common Fame and Report could not but lead us to him; ſo meek, gentle, and ſweet of Behaviour; ſo firm, conſtant, and obliging in his Friendſhips, ſo milde, modeſt and patient in his Afflictions and Sufferings; yet upon occaſion ſo full of Princely courage and magnanimity, ſo knowing and diſcerning in his Reaſon and Judgement, and by his retirement, ſo fitted and adapted for moderate Government: but above all, ſo firmly and irremoveably fixed, to the profeſſion of the true Proteſtant Religion, teſtifyed many wayes againſt the cunning Arts, and ſubtle attempts and allurements, of the moſt inveterate enemies thereof: That it is an infamy, never to be waſhed off from this Nation, (unleſſe the now general vote and deſire thereof be hearkned to, and take effect in ſuch manner, as may in ſome ſort purge the ſame) that ſuch a Prince as he, ſo qualified in all reſpects, and ſo innocent likewiſe, as to the firſt cauſe of difference, and ever ſince, alſo, ſaving his deſire, and purſuance of his juſt and undoubted Birth-right; a thing, which the meaneſt of us would be condemned for by all, even by our very ſelves, ſhould we omit, or be negligent of, were it but for a poor Cottage; I ſay, that ſuch a Prince as He, together with his Illuſtrious, Heroick, and high-born Brethren, (all of them, even in this their eclipſed obſcurity, the renown and glory of our Nation) ſhould (as is hinted before) be chaſed from ſuch an ample and ſplendid Patrimony, and large Dominions, and that by his own Native Subjects, and Liege People, and ſuffered to wander, nay, by their means hunted from place to place, from one Nation (as is premiſed) to another People, and forced to live upon the Almes and Charity (as it were) of thoſe, who doubtleſſe are not without their grand deſigne upon Him, and all his Dominions, as (it may be feared) Time will ſooner or later cleerly manifeſt, beſides, the ſubjecting Him, and that whole Royal race, by this means, to the Enticements and Allurements, and to the Stratagems, Nets, and Entanglements of thoſe Romiſh Rooking Gameſters, who are rangeing in all parts for their prey, and will be ſure to leave no ſtone unmoved, to work their wicked ends, where ſuch a quarry of Royal Game, are to be flown at, and with ſuch advantage (as the caſe ſtands with them) to be attempted; that the very contemplation thereof, cannot methinks but draw Tears from the Eyes, and almoſt Blood from the Hearts, of all Pious, Loyal Proteſtant Chriſtians, who have any ſence and feeling, as they ought, of that deep diſhonour and reproach, which by this very meanes, muſt needs redound to the profeſſors of the true Proteſtant Religion, in all parts and places whatſoever, and no leſſe ſport and paſtime to the great Vicar general at *Rome*, and his Court and Conclave: but as in the ground where Gold grows, nothing (it is ſaid) will thrive but Gold, ſo God hath hitherto preſerved this vertuous Prince, moſt firm, ſound, and entire, in the true Orthodox Faith, and no doubt but will ſo continue Him, and make him not only in Title, but really and indeed a moſt magnanimous Defender thereof, againſt all its adverſaries.

people (and thereby the desired settlement much disturbed and retarded) that if the old Government take place againe, and the right Pilot come at the Head and Stern therof, that there wil be such rankor, malice and revenge put in practice, by the all along adherers to the Royal Interest, against such as any time opposed them; and thereby such losse, dammage and sufferings sustained, with divers other vain and empty fears, jealousies and conjectures. Now, as the true Character of his sacred Majesty himselfe, is before very faithfully expressed, so surely it will not seem incongruous and impertinent upon this just occasion likewise, to interpose this sincere and unfeigned protestation, on the behalfe of those Adherers to the Royal Interest; That as their principles are truly Christian, so they most earnestly desire to pursue the due practice of them accordingly. And whatsoever is forged in that malicious piece, before at large spoken of that Loyal party, especially the main bulk and body of them (who are only considerable in this case, and Extravagants and not to be regarded) are so far from any thoughts of Rankor, Malice, and Revenge, in that particular, or any aime of making good their Losses by the Estates of others (a usual vogue raised by our Peace-opposers) that they do as fully and unfainedly forgive them, and all sorts of them, as they desire of Heaven the forgivenesse of their own transgressions, and do so far detest the thought of repairing their losses, that way feared, that to see his Majesty restored, and thereby a firm and lasting Peace setled; that so it may be conveyed to posterity, they would not onely very cheerfully sit down by all their Losses and Sufferings, but many thousands of them willingly sacrifice much of their present Fortunes, and some of them their Lives too, as a grateful offertory for such a seasonable and all-healing mercy.

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